

as the 2011 Walton County, Florida Outstanding Farm Family of the Year.

For over 45 years, this multigenerational farm family has epitomized the true meaning of a strong work ethic and is blessed with good soil and a devoted family. Kyle McDonald along with his father, Ingram McDonald, owns 190 acres of land. He and his wife, Kim, their children, Garrett and Karley, and their canine companion, Patch, work together night and day to tend to their cattle and horses as well as their hay field.

Kyle and Kim have raised Garrett and Karley to be active members of their community and to be good stewards of the land. The McDonalds are members of the Florida Panhandle Cattlemen's Association and the Walton County Farm Bureau. Aside from their help on the farm, Garrett and Karley are both accomplished riders. Karley ropes and barrel races, and her brother ropes, calf ropes and team ropes. Garrett has won 16 saddles and numerous cash prizes over the years including placing fifth in the Nation for his age group in the all-around event this past July.

Mr. Speaker, our great Nation was built by farmers and their families. The Walton County Outstanding Farm Family of the Year award is a reflection of the McDonald family's tireless work and dedication to family, faith and trade. On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to offer my congratulations to the McDonald family for this great accomplishment. My wife Vicki and I wish them the best for continued success.

THE PASSING OF MR. ROLLIN POST

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the life of a dear friend, consummate professional, and proud San Franciscan: Rollin Post.

Rollin Post was a portrait of persistence, honesty, passion, and strength in his life, in his work as a reporter and commentator, in his love of politics and family.

For more than four decades, working behind the scenes for L.A.-area news radio and reporting on-air in San Francisco, Rollie set the standard for excellence in political journalism; in asking tough questions and always seeking the truth, he did our city, state, and nation a great service.

It was a true privilege to get to know Rollie on a personal level over the years; indeed, I was honored to call him a friend. He was a fixture from my earliest days in public life in San Francisco and in California. Later, we worked together to put on the annual 'The Party's NOT Over' event, a bipartisan gathering of Democrats, Republicans, and the press to raise money for minority journalism scholarships. He was held in high esteem and respect by our entire family.

Rollie brought the news to the public; he translated current events into terms all viewers and listeners could understand and appreciate; in the spirit of the best in journalism, he never failed to keep the Bay Area informed about politics and government. He was original and widely beloved, and his voice will be sorely missed.

I hope it is a comfort to his wife, Diane, his children and grandchildren, his family and friends that so many share in their grief at this time.

WALKER FAMILY RANCH TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Walker Family Ranch of Westcliffe, Colorado. George Walker purchased a 240-acre piece of property in Custer Country and along with his wife and daughter, began a ranching company.

George's daughter Hazel soon married Willard Walker and in 1939, George passed the farm property onto his daughter and son-in-law. The couple continued the Walker ranching practice and expanded the property to 882 acres. The ranch functioned year-round as a cattle ranch.

After Willard Walker's passing in 1968, Hazel and her family maintained the ranch and in 1971, formed the W.A.W. Cattle Ranch, Inc. Today, the W.A.W. is an active cattle ranch in the Wet Mountain Valley area.

The Walker Family Ranch has been chosen by the Centennial Farms Program as one of its eighteen 2011 honorees. The program honors farms that have long contributed to the agricultural success and foundation of the State of Colorado.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the Walker Family Ranch. The ranch is a valuable cultural and historic asset to Colorado and our state is truly blessed to have such a vibrant presence of American entrepreneurial spirit.

A TRIBUTE TO JERRY O'MALLEY

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of a former employee of my district office and friend of mine, Jerry O'Malley, who recently passed at the age of 82.

Born to Jerome and Florence O'Malley on July 1, 1929, Mr. O'Malley was raised in Southeast Michigan. He attended and graduated from Detroit Catholic Central. He went on to earn his Bachelors in Business Administration from the University of Detroit. Upon graduation, he began his professional life in Florida where he worked his way up through Ford Motor Company. Starting on the assembly line, Mr. O'Malley retired from Ford's business development division.

After retiring from Ford, Mr. O'Malley returned to Michigan to pursue his passion for public service. Working for County Executive Ed McNamara as the Director of the county's Equipment Division, Mr. O'Malley embarked on decades of political activism and community service. Residing in Dearborn, Mr. O'Malley was active in the campaigns of virtually every Democratic candidate on the ticket in recent history.

He leaves behind three daughters, Catherine, Theresa Ann, and Diana. He was

grandfather of Thomas, Kyle, Michael, Nathan, Joshua, Aaron, Tom, and Tabatha. He was the great grandfather of Nathan and Nolan. Mr. O'Malley was predeceased by his wife Catherine, his brother Harry and granddaughter Isabel.

We will miss Jerry. Detroit and the surrounding area have lost a true jewel of our community.

HONORING TWYLA LYCETTE

HON. MICHAEL H. MICHAUD

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. MICHAUD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Twyla Lycette, the 2011 recipient of the prestigious Town Clerk of the Year Award, given by the Maine Town and City Clerks Association.

Every year, the Maine Town and City Clerks Association chooses from among their best and brightest to award their Town Clerk of the Year Award. Without a doubt, they chose well this year. For a quarter century, the town of Lisbon has been extremely fortunate to have Twyla as their town clerk. Throughout that time, she has shown a deep commitment to her profession and to the citizens of Lisbon.

Twyla is recognized by all as an energetic lifelong learner who has been instrumental in the preservation of town records dating back into the 1800s. In addition to her position as a Certified Maine Clerk, she is an International Certified Clerk, Lifetime Certified Clerk and one of two International Master Municipal Clerks in all of Maine.

Twyla is beloved by her colleagues and the people of Lisbon. Not only does her hard work and dedication keep the town running, it also inspires all of us to strive to be the very best at what we do. She exemplifies the very best of the values Maine represents.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Twyla Lycette on being named the 2011 Clerk of the Year.

ELLIOTT FARMS TRIBUTE

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 13, 2011

Mr. TIPTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Elliott Farms, LLC of Monte Vista, Colorado. In 1907, the Sanderson family of Hamilton, Missouri moved west and settled in Monte Vista. In 1908, the family acquired a 160-acre farm.

The property was passed down through the generations that followed and grew in size. The farm saw many years of fruitful potato crops that brought the family and the valley a great deal of prosperity. Today, the farm is operated in four sections and still makes use of the 1916 house and 1930s garage and barn.

Elliott Farms, LLC was recognized by the Colorado Historical Society at the 139th Colorado State Fair. Elliott Farms, LLC is one of eighteen farms honored by the Centennial Farms Program for its rich history, tradition, and contributions to the State of Colorado over the past century.